

A BILL

FOR AN ACT REQUIRING THE "TRANSPORTATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS DEAD OF CERTAIN DISEASES IN A HERMETICALLY SEALED AND AIR-TIGHT METALLIC CASE, CASKET, OR ANTISEPTIC INTERMENT SACK."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, association or corporation
2 doing business in the State of Iowa to transport the bodies of persons dead of small-pox,
3 Asiatic cholera, typhus fever and yellow fever.

SEC. 2. All other dead bodies may be transported, provided they are incased in a her-
2 metically sealed and air-tight metallic case, casket, or antiseptic interment sack. If an
3 interment sack is used it must be placed in a coffin and this in a tight wooden box, except
4 those dead of diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, erysipelas, measles and other conta-
5 gious or infectious diseases, which must be wrapped in a sheet thoroughly saturated with
6 a strong solution of chloride of zinc, in the proportion of one-half pound of chloride of zinc
7 to a gallon of water, before being incased in the antiseptic sack. The coffin must also be
8 surrounded by sawdust, saturated with a solution of chloride of zinc of the same strength
9 as stated above.

SEC. 3. Every dead body must be accompanied by a certificate of death from a physi-
2 cian or a permit from a Board of Health, and a certificate from the shipping undertaker,
3 that the corpse has been prepared for transportation strictly in accordance with the pro-
4 visions of this act. Any person swearing willfully false to such certificate or permit shall
5 be guilty of perjury.

SEC. 4. All disinterred bodies dead from any disease or cause will be treated as infec-
2 tious and dangerous to the public health.

SEC. 5. Any person, firm, company association, or corporation violating any of the pro-
2 visions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be
3 fined in a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred or be imprisoned in
4 the county jail not more than thirty days.

SEC. 6. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and take effect
2 from and after its publication in the Des Moines Leader and the Iowa State Register,
3 newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.